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### "SHAMS" Center: Gaza Massacre calls for taking a decisive Arabic and International action and prosecuting the occupation before International Law

"SHAMS" Center **condemns** in the strongest terms the massacre committed by the Israeli military forces against our people in Gaza Strip. This has caused the martyrdom of 58 citizens and the injury of 2771 people so far of men, women, children, disabled and the innocent citizens. The Israeli forces have used the air forces, artillery, all kinds of bullets and poisonous gas against innocent protestors. Who have expressed their protest peacefully due to the continuation of the Israeli occupation for Palestinian lands. And who requested to return to their homeland from which their parents & grandparents have been displaced. Following the massacres committed by the Zionist gangs against the armless citizens in the occupied Palestinian cities and villages of 1948.

"SHAMS" Center **requests** Arabic, Islamic countries, all other peace-loving nations, the United Nations, African Union, the European Union, Non-aligned Movement, and South American nations to stand firmly against Israeli crimes. And to put an end to the Israeli measures and force it to respect International Humanitarian Law & Human Rights Law considered the occupying state. Furthermore, the center demands the international community to safeguard the Palestinian people and support their legitimate rights, and foremost among them is empowering Palestinians to establish their independent state with Jerusalem as its capital and enhance the right to self-determination.

"SHAMS" Center **calls** the Palestinian National Authority PNA for submitting the settlement's file to International Criminal Court because settlement is considered as a continuing war crime. This will avoid considering the massacre as an occasion to conduct additional symposia, lectures, workshops, conferences and meetings in media outlets. In addition to sit-ins, issuing condemnation statements and urging the Colonialism country, Britain, to apologize and undertake its historical, political, legal and ethical responsibility of bringing the occupation to our land. Accordingly, proceeding to the UN is of utmost importance in order to assume its legal and political responsibility. Since the United Nations issued the birth certificate for the occupation, on the basis of resolution no. (181) dated on November 29 of 1947. The next step for us representing the State of Palestine to proceed through the Arab League to International Court of Justice in the Hague, in addition to ask for a legal opinion on the validity of Balfour Declaration which has established for



the occupation for a long time and arresting Palestinian detainees. Britain, the colonial power and the Israeli occupation should be prosecuted before International Law and held accountable of its excessive crimes against the Palestinian people.

"SHAMS" Center **urges** the Palestinian National Authority PNA to adhere to further international foundations and treaties which contribute to reinforcing the legal status for the State of Palestine. And to avoid unnecessary conventions at this stage which may impose international obligations on Palestine as if we are an independent sovereign state. Also, coordination and consultation should be enhanced with civil society organizations in particular human rights organizations.

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